

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 109, “Groundhog Season,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These rules stipulate the regulations for taking groundhogs. The proposed amendment provides for a continuous open season for groundhogs to allow people to manage nuisance animals at any time.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before June 21, 2011. Written comments may be directed to Wildlife Bureau Chief, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; by E-mail at wildlife@dnr.iowa.gov; or by fax at (515)281-6794. Persons who wish to convey their comments orally may contact the Wildlife Bureau by telephone at (515)281-5034 or by visiting the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building during regular business hours.

There will be a public hearing on June 21, 2011, at 1 p.m. in the auditorium on the second floor of the Wallace State Office Building. At the public hearing, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Participants will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department of Natural Resources and request specific accommodations.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 481A.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 571—109.1(481A) as follows:

571—109.1(481A) Groundhog. ~~Open season for groundhog (woodchuck) shall be from June 15 through October 31 of each year.~~ Continuous open season. Entire state open. No daily bag or possession limit.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 481A.